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SUBJECT: NAC JUNE 11, 1975: REPORTS BY EXPERT GROUPS

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B. USNATO 2812

1. AT JUNE 11 MEETING, NAC NOTED THE REPORTS BY THE NATO EXPERT GROUPS ON THE FAR EAST AND ON THE SOVIET UNION/EASTERN EUROPE (REFTELS).

2. IN PRESENTING THESE TWO REPORTS, EXPERT GROUP CHAIRMAN (DE BEAUSSEE)

MADE A GENERAL COMMENT ABOUT THE RECENT SERIES OF EXPERTS' MEETINGS SAYING SOME HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTING BECAUSE EXPERTS FROM SOME CAPITALS PLAYED MOSTLY PASSIVE ROLE IN DISCUSSIONS. DE BEAUSSEE EMPHASIZED THAT IN THESE MEETINGS EXPERTS DO NOT SPEAK ON BASIS OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS AND THAT MAIN VALUE OF EXCHANGES LIES IN OPPORTUNITY FOR FREE AND PENETRATING DISCUSSION. EXPERTS SHOULD NOT FEEL INHIBITED IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE GIVE AND TAKE, HE CONTINUED, SINCE THEY HAVE ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY TO EDIT THE WORKING GROUP REPORT TO ELIMINATE MATERIAL THEY DO NOT WANT IN PRINT. SYG LUNS AND CONCIL AGREED ON VALUE OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY ALL NATO EXPERTS IN THESE DISCUSSIONS.
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